

Jesus wants to be my friend forever!

WORSHIP LEADER: "Friends! I am so excited to see you today! It's a VERY special day today. Who knows what day we are celebrating? (*Pause.*) Yes, Easter! And do you know what's so special about Easter? It's when Jesus showed us that He wants to be our friend forever. So when I say, 'Who wants to be your friend forever?' you say, 'Jesus wants to be my friend forever.' Let's try it. Who wants to be your friend forever?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: "Jesus wants to be my friend forever."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great job! I get so excited that Jesus wants to be my friend that I want to go and tell everyone everywhere all about it. Let's sing about how exciting it is to have Jesus in our life."

Lead children in singing "Whoa I Have Life" and "Life with Jesus".

"What incredible singers you are! Thanks so much for singing with me. Who wants to be your friend forever?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: "Jesus wants to be my friend forever."

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right! **Jesus wants to be my friend forever.** The Bible tells us to go and tell everyone everywhere about Jesus and how He wants to be our friend. In fact, that's what our Memory Verse is about this month. Let's learn our Memory Verse together. Are you ready? Watch me say it and do the motions, and then you can do it with me! "Go and make disciples of all nations", Matthew 28:19. Let's do it together."

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: "Go and make disciples of all nations", Matthew 28:19." (Repeat several times.)

WORSHIP LEADER: "This week our lesson is about how God loves us so much that He made a way for us to always be with Him and He wants Jesus to be our friend forever. Let's get ready for our Bible lesson, I better go grab a seat so I don't miss a single minute of our Bible story!"

Watch Video Lesson

WORSHIP LEADER: "That was an amazing story that showed just how much Jesus loves everyone. Now, let's celebrate today because Jesus is alive and He wants to be our friend. It's a happy day!"

Lead children in singing "Praise the Lord Everyday."

"Fabulous job, guys! I had so much fun singing with you. Now, remind me. Who wants to be your friend forever?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: "Jesus wants to be my friend forever."

Memory Verse –

"Go and make disciples of all nations."

Matthew 28:19, NIV